Detailed Action

Drawings

New corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in this application because fonts are in handwritten format with some fonts difficult to read. Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsperson outside the Office, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 3-4, 7-15, 17, 20-28, 30-34, and 36-39 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The present invention generally discloses an individual can track a securities portfolio, monitor performance and make investment decisions based on performance. However, the prior arts of record fail to teach, singly or in combination, analyzing and representing financial data, the method comprising the steps of: obtaining a plurality of data points related to a security, each data point comprises associated data regarding the security; designating one of the data points as a reference data point; choosing one of the data points as a chosen data point, wherein the chosen data point further comprises a plurality of individual data points, not using an arithmetical pattern; utilizing a computer to examine the data of the chosen data point with the data of the reference data point, thereby producing a data analysis; and producing a representation of the data analysis.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thu Thao Havan whose telephone number is (571) 272-8111. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 6am-2pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Kyle can be reached on (571) 272-6746. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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